

ODDITIES IN THE NEWS ALL OVER THE WORLD

Short Stories of Unusual Happenings and Singular Experiences Picked Out of the Chronicles of the Day.

The narrowest building in the world, three stories high, on a plot twenty-six inches wide, has been constructed on Centre street, Reno, Nev., by H. C. Gordon, a shoemaker, who leased the ground from a bank.

He sleeps on the top floor, has his narrow bench on the second, and his show window and entrance on the first.

GHOST TOLD HIM TO PREPARE FOR DEATH.
Edward H. Burnham, eighty-four years old, of South Norwalk, distributed his property among friends, arranged for his funeral, grave and tombstone, dressed himself in funeral clothes and went to bed, saying that a black specter told him his time had come.

Mr. Burnham is still alive. It was his last visit from the ghost.

WOMEN EMBALMERS FEW; NEW YORK HAS THREE.
New York has three of the very few women embalmers in the country, all of whom work for an average of \$10 a day.

Women do not seem to like the business, although it is sister and more so, than the usual nursing, and in many cases a woman can do better than a man, for she can better arrange hair and clothing of the dead, and show more sympathy to the family.

HOW SAYS BUTTERCUPS CAUSE CANCER, TOO.

The active poison in the common field buttercup is the indirect cause of cancer, according to Dr. W. W. Chaffee, of Philadelphia, who urges the destruction of the bloom.

He said a few days ago that many cases of what is supposed to be cancer are caused by the blossoms, also.

OLD CAT MOTHERS BROOD OF CHICKS.

When an old hen with newly hatched chickens died on the farm of John Theodor, near Paducah, Ky., the family cat, whose kittens had been disposed of in the pond, took up with the chicks.

They burrowed themselves in her fur coat at night, and she took them around during the daytime, carrying them in her mouth when she wanted them to change their location. They have now become used to this way of being lugged about.

BASEBALL CLUB ADOPTS 19-MONTHS-OLD BABY.

A nineteen-months-old boy abandoned on a train by a woman was adopted by the Houston baseball team of the Texas League, which was aboard, and made mascot.

A note pinned to the child's clothing

Mr. Kronberg's Opera Venture Lasts a Night.

BY SYLVESTER RAWLING.

MR. KRONBERG'S career as an impresario in New York is unique. It lasted while he presented just one opera, "Traviata," on Monday. There was no performance by his Knickerbocker Grand Opera Company, at the Metropolitan Theatre, last night, and employees of the house said the season was over. Mr. Kronberg could not be found, but the story was that his backer had declined to advance the necessary funds. Purchasers of seats for "Traviata," the opera announced, got their money back. The venture had seemed promising. There was a large and enthusiastic first night audience, and the comments of the music reviewers in the main were commendatory. None was ungenerous. Adeline Paterson, the star, wisely discarded a voice somewhat worn, but worth hearing, and a personality that was attractive. The supporting company was fairly competent. But the lights were out at the Majestic Theatre last night, and they are unlikely to be turned on again for Mr. Kronberg's company.

MRS. KIRK LA SHELLE TO MARRY JOS. H. HUNT.

Widow of Theatrical Manager Will Wed N. Y. Architect at Tarrytown Next Month.

The wedding of Mrs. Kirk La SHELLE, the widow of the theatrical manager and playwright, and Joseph H. HUNT, the architect, will take place on June 6, according to an announcement made by the bridegroom-elect. Mrs. La SHELLE, who has been living in Paris for the greater part of the three years since her husband's death, about three years ago, has sailed for New York, having closed her home in the French capital. On her arrival here she will go to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Vanderbilt, near Tarrytown, where the marriage will be quietly celebrated. Kirk La SHELLE, who produced "Arizona," "The Girl of the Year," "The Cheaters," and other notable theatrical successes, left his widow an estate valued at nearly \$100,000. Mr. Hunt, who lives at No. 175 Madison avenue, is the son of Mr. Richard H. Hunt, an old member of the firm of Hunt & Hunt, architects, with offices in Twenty-third street.

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